## DECLARATION and POWER OF ATTORNEY

## (JOINT)

We, Michel Pharand; Thomas L. Durant; Ari Eiriksson and Richard Gueler hereby declare that;

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We are, respectively, citizens of: <u>Canada, United States of America, Iceland and United</u> States of America.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled <u>METHOD OF</u> POSITIONING AN ELEVATOR TUBE. the specification of which:

| 1) | XXX is attached hereto.  |  |  |
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| 2) | was filed on as Serial No. 0 / and was amended o               |  |  |
|    | (if applicable).   |  |  |
| 3) | was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. |  |  |
|    | , filed on and amended under PCT Article 19                    |  |  |
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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Office information of which we are aware which is material to patentability. Such information is material to patentability when it in or cumulative to information already of record in the application, and (1) it establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim; or (2) it refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) asserting an argument of patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any corresponding foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s)   | Priority Claimed   |  |  |  |
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| (Number)   | (Country)  | (Day/Month/Year Filed)   | (Yes) (No)   |  |
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| application(s) listed below<br>application is not disclose<br>the first paragraph of Titl<br>stated above, to disclose<br>Regulations, §1.56, relati | efit under Title 35, United<br>w and, insofar as the subje<br>do in the prior United State<br>e 35, United States Code,<br>material information, as do<br>ng to events which occurr<br>and or PCT international fi | ct matter of each of the ces application in the man §112, We acknowledge efined in Title 37, Code ed between the filing date | claims of this<br>mer provided by<br>the duty, as<br>of Federal<br>te of the prior |  |
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| I hereby claim the benefi<br>provisional application(s)  | t under Title 35, United St<br>) listed below.   | ates Code, §119(e) of an   | y United States  |  |
| (Application Number)   | (Filin   | ng Date)   |  |  |

We hereby designate as our mailing address the office of:

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And we hereby appoint each of the following attorneys, all of whom are associated with Watts Hoffmann Co., L.P.A. (Telephone No. 216/241-6700), as attorney of record to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith: Thomas E. Fisher, Reg. No. 18,271; James G. Watterson, Reg. No. 20,180; Linn J. Raney, Reg. No. 23,078; John R. Hlavka, Reg. No. 29,076; Stephen J. Schultz, Reg. No. 29,108; George L. Pinchak, 37,697; Jennifer Nock Hinton, Reg. No. 47,653; Kenneth J. Smith, Reg. No. 45,115; William A. Johnston, Reg. No. 47,687 and Michael A. Miller, Reg. No. 50,732.

And we hereby appoint the foregoing  $\underline{\text{Jennifer Nock Hinton}}$ , Reg. No.  $\underline{47,653}$ , principal attorney.

This appointment shall include all power to prosecute and transact all business relating to all applications corresponding to the referenced application in all countries, including all regional and international patent offices, such as, but not limited to, the European Patent Office and all offices and bureaus established in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

We hereby further designate and appoint any officer of Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke Co., L.P.A. our attorney in fact with full power of substitution and revocation, including power to designate a substitute principal attorney.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

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